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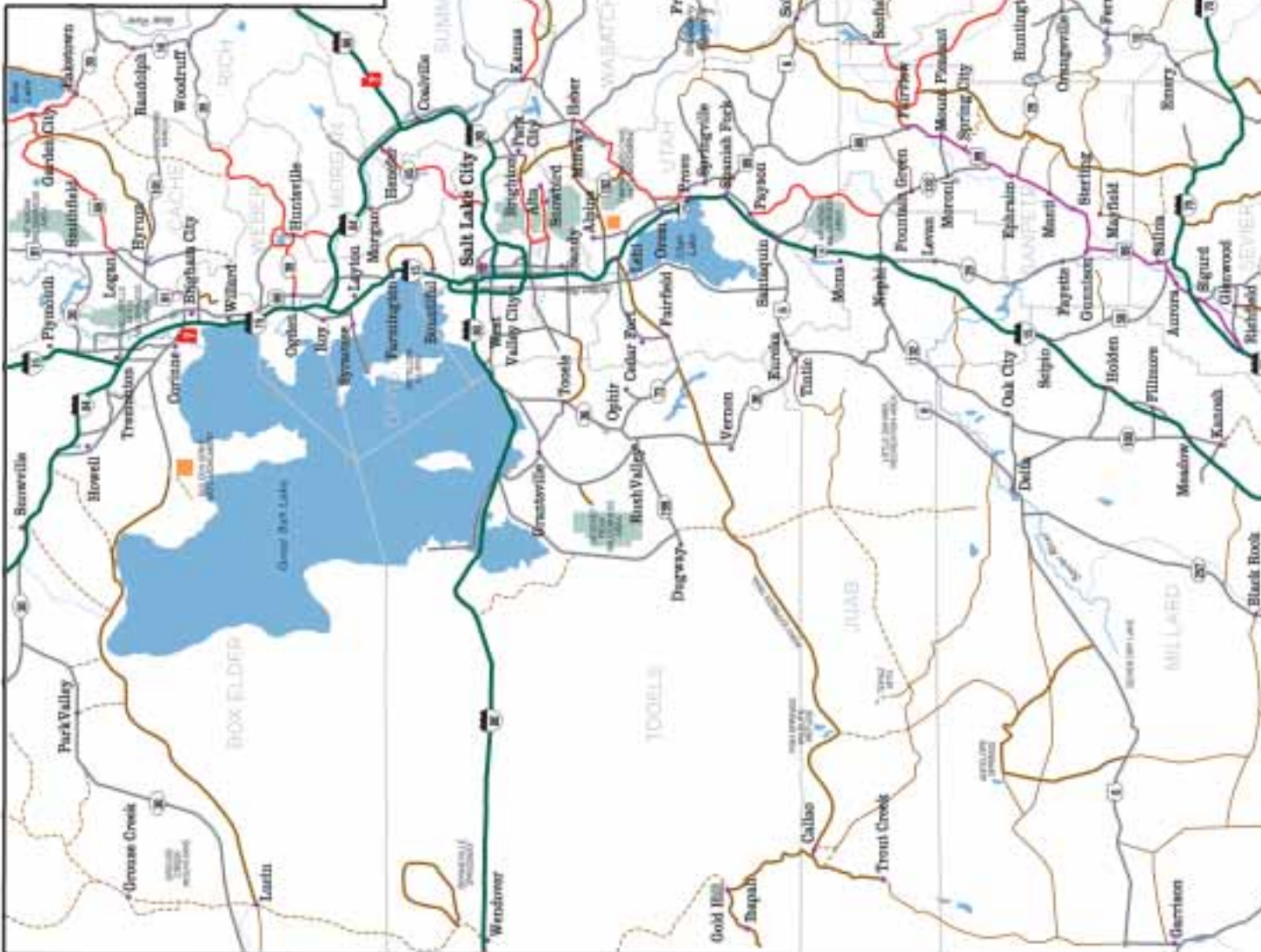
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



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Blanding	81									
Bryce Canyon N.P.	272	239								
Canyonlands N.P.	80	70	310							
Capital Reef N.P.	142	164	91	221						
Moab	6	75	277	74						
Monument Valley Tribal Park	148	67	217	137	184	142				
Salt Lake City	229	309	270	308	222	235	378			
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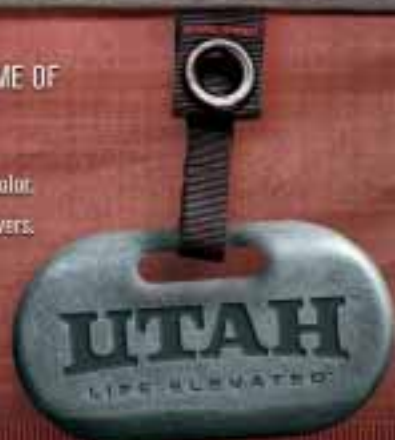


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# WELCOME TO UTAH





**S**alt Lake City, Utah's capital, is nestled between the slopes of the towering Wasatch Mountains to the east and the Great Salt Lake to the west. As the largest city in Utah, it is a unique fusion of a cosmopolitan environment with a vibrant urban landscape and quaint mountain resort, offering immediate access to outdoor activities of every kind.

The city was founded in the mid-1800s by Mormon settlers and rapidly grew into one of the west's most important commercial and transportation centres. Today, it still retains much of the flavour and charm of the Old West. Its historic downtown is filled with parks, galleries, restaurants, pubs and shops. **Temple Square**, the city's tree-lined centre, is home to 20 attractions including the **Salt Lake Temple**, **Tabernacle**, **Family History Library** and several museums featuring exhibits of early pioneer life. Other downtown attractions include the **Clark Planetarium**, **IMAX cinema** and historic **Trolley Square**. Nearby, the **Utah State Capitol** offers tours and a glimpse of early Utah history.

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Salt Lake proudly welcomed the world to the XIX Olympic Winter Games in 2002 with amazing snow, extraordinary facilities, and the friendly hospitality for which the city is renowned. The beautiful 'Fire and Ice' **Olympic Cauldron** and **Cauldron Park** serve as apt





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reminders that the games were among the most successful in history.

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As the largest island on the Great Salt Lake, **Antelope Island State Park** is home to free-roaming bison, bighorn sheep, deer and pronghorn antelope. Sandy beaches provide the best access to the lake. The visitors' centre provides information about the island's history, geology, biology, camping, hiking trails and marina.

North of Salt Lake City is **Ogden**, founded as a settlement even before the Mormons came to Utah. Now the second-largest city in Utah, Ogden is a thriving community of historic character, educational institutions and sports facilities. Ever since the two halves of the transcontinental railway were joined at nearby **Promontory** in 1869, Ogden has been both noted and notorious as a railhead town. Downtown, **Historic 25th Street**, once a row of saloons, is today an exciting artists' community with a farmers' market and a new Amphitheatre. For a look back at its history, visit **Buenaventura Park** and **Historic Union Station**. From downtown, travel in any direction for thirty minutes, and you can fish in one of two trout-filled rivers, the **Ogden** and the **Weber**, try the slopes at one of three great winter resorts or play on a sandy beach at the Great Salt Lake. Other area attractions include the **Hill Aerospace Museum** at **Hill Air Force Base**, **Ogden Eccles Dinosaur Park** and the **Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge**. [www.ogden.travel](http://www.ogden.travel)



**Brigham** was settled in the early 1850s and still retains its small-town atmosphere. It has many historic buildings including a pillared Western courthouse with a clock in its dome, and a **Mormon Tabernacle**. The city proclaims itself to be the gateway to the world's greatest bird refuge, the **Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge**. It is an impressive site for viewing a wide variety of species.

Brigham is an excellent gateway to **Golden Spike National Historic Site**, where the east and west of the United States were joined by rail at **Promontory Summit**, 32 miles (51 km) away. On 10 May 1869, officials of the Central Pacific Railroad and Union Pacific Railroad met at this spot to drive four symbolic spikes (two of them gold), into the track to celebrate the completion of America's first transcontinental railroad. The event is re-enacted every year and the visitor centre is open year-round. [www.davisareacvb.com](http://www.davisareacvb.com)

Nestled in scenic Cache Valley, **Logan** was a popular centre for the early mountain men and trappers. Cold winters and hostile natives, however, discouraged any permanent settlement until the Mormons established Maun's Fort (Wellsville) in 1856. Today, Logan is the home of **Utah State University**. In nearby Wellsville, the **American West Heritage Center** is a 160-acre living history of the West, providing multi-cultural exhibits and events. The **Logan Temple** and **Tabernacle** are classic examples of early Mormon architecture.

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### Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway

From Logan to Garden City, this byway runs parallel to the Logan River along Logan Canyon, passing through dense forests, lush meadows, rugged rock formations and panoramic views. Each season brings a colourful show, especially in autumn.

Nearby, the sky blue waters and park facilities of **Bear Lake State Park** are perfect for swimming, camping, picnicking and boating.

Of all the cities along the Wasatch Front, **Park City** is probably best known for its resort status. The home of U.S. Olympic training and site of several alpine Olympic events in 2002, Park City is fast overtaking – and indeed surpassing – the resort playgrounds of other states. Park City retains much of the frontier character and many of the buildings from its silver-mining beginnings. The area is home to **Park City Mountain Resort** and the **Deer Valley** and **Canyons** resorts. Each has an abundance of amenities and activities at every season. Park City's **Historic Main Street** is lined with restaurants, clubs and bars, as well as boutiques and speciality shops. The **Utah Olympic Park** served as the venue for numerous events during the **2002 Olympic Winter Games**, including Aerials, Ski Jumping, Luge, Skeleton and Bobsled events. [www.parkcityinfo.com](http://www.parkcityinfo.com)

**Heber City**, in the heart of the Wasatch, is a peaceful community with a flavour of the Old West. The **Heber Valley Historic Railroad** line carries visitors along the shores of **Deer Creek Reservoir** and back in time. The town serves as the gateway





to many of Utah's state parks, including **Soldier Hollow**, **Wasatch Mountain**, **Deer Creek** and **Jordanella State Parks**. [www.hebervalleyc.org](http://www.hebervalleyc.org)

To the south of Salt Lake City, **Provo** serves as a major gateway to the **Uinta National Forest**, where you will find Robert Redford's **Sundance Resort**, an outdoor recreation and arts haven in winter and summer. **Provo Canyon** features **Bridal Veil Falls**, a noted winter destination for ice-climbers, and **American Fork Canyon**, setting of **Timpanogos Cave National Monument**. The **Thanksgiving Point** area features golf, gorgeous garden displays and the largest dinosaur museum in the world, complete with IMAX cinema. Provo is also the site of Brigham Young University and a number of excellent museums and galleries.

#### **Timpanogos Cave National Monument**

The cave system is filled with multi-hued deposits, stunning formations and pristine underground pools. It has a variety of formations including draperies, flowstone, stalactites and stalagmites

and is accessed by a 1 1/2-mile (2.4 km) trail. Take a light jacket.

#### **Nebo Loop National Scenic Byway**

A winding 35-mile (55 km) drive between Payson on the north and Nephi on the south crosses the Uinta National Forest and provides views of Utah Valley, the Wasatch Mountains, and spectacular vistas of 11,928-foot (3,600m) Mt. Nebo, the highest mountain in the Wasatch Range. Devil's Kitchen Geologic Interest Site features red rock formations set against the brilliant foliage along the route.

Further to the south-west, the terrain gives way to the **Great Basin**, an expanse of high mountain desert with vast open landscapes that stretch into Nevada. The area offers camping, unique hiking trails, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) riding and rock-hounding (seeking out rare rocks and minerals).

A plentiful sand source and strong prevailing winds have combined to create the **Little Sahara Sand**

**Dunes**, one of the largest dune fields found in Utah. Great horned owls are one of several different species of birds of prey that nest in the juniper stands inside the Rockwell Outstanding Natural Area. Camping, dune-hiking, ATV and dune-buggy riding are just a few of the activities found here. The nearby town of **Delta** offers accommodation and full visitor services. [www.millardcountytravel.com](http://www.millardcountytravel.com) [www.piute.com](http://www.piute.com)

**Fremont Indian State Park** was established to preserve Clear Creek Canyon's treasury of rock art and archaeological sites. The visitor centre has video programmes and twelve interpretive trails with rock art that highlight Fremont Indian life and culture.



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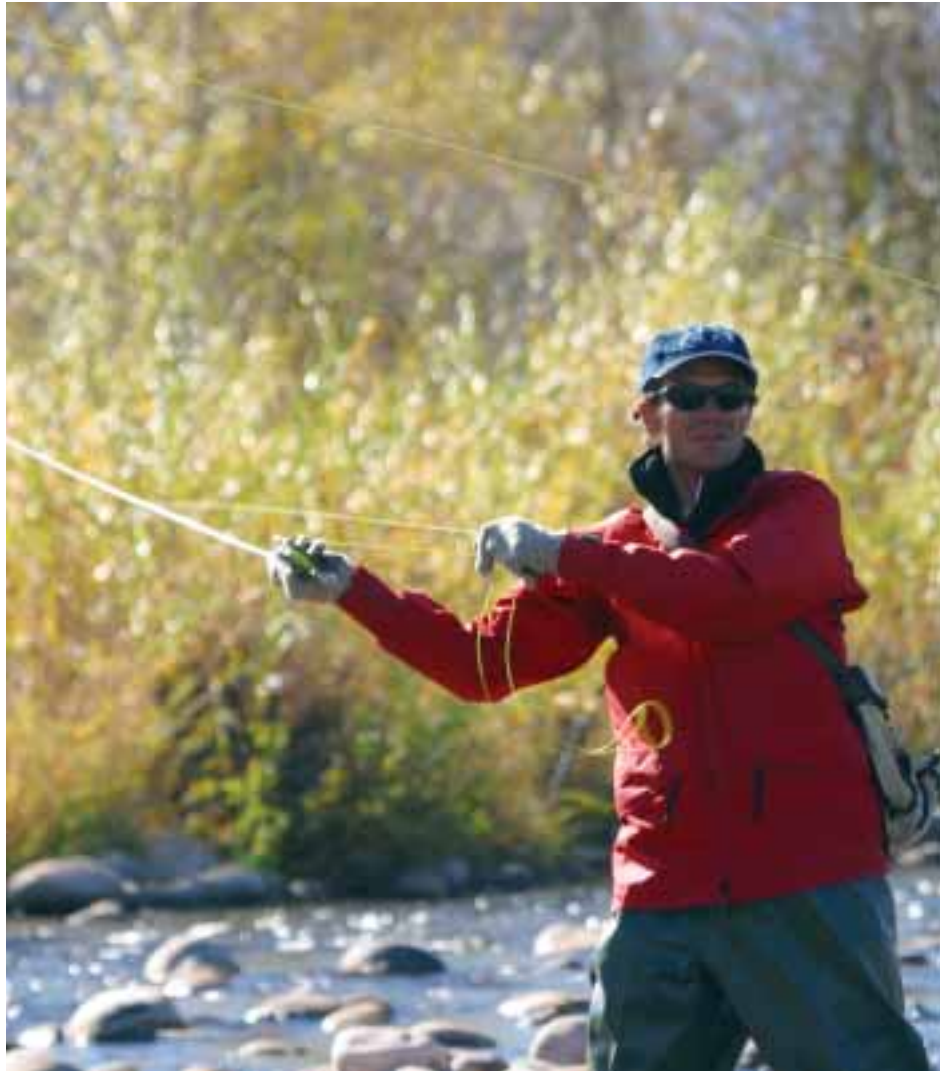
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**E**astern Utah is best known for its unlikely combination of cowboys, dinosaurs and outdoor recreation. The region is home to the Uinta Mountains, hundreds of lakes, dinosaur fossil quarries and open ranch land. From wide-open vistas to soaring mountains, small mining and ranching towns, the region retains much of the rich Western heritage of its past and offers opportunities for extraordinary outdoor adventure.

At the top of this region lies the **Uinta Mountain Range**, is the highest in Utah and the only major range in the contiguous United States with an east-west orientation. There are over 1,000 natural lakes in these mountains and more than 500 of them contain sport fish. Elevations range from 8,000 feet (2,400m) in the lower canyons to 13,750 feet (4,125m) atop Kings Peak – the highest point in Utah. The mountain range and area are excellent for recreational activities including fishing, hiking, back-packing and camping.

To the south, the San Rafael Swell, a formation created when geological upheavals formed a giant dome of rock in Eastern Utah, dominates the region. In the millions of years since, the elements eroded the dome, making the Swell one of the most ruggedly beautiful pockets of terrain in the world.

**Vernal** is the major service centre of the region's northern attractions. Proudly known as 'Dinosaurland', it serves as the western gateway to **Dinosaur National Monument**. The site holds an immense active dinosaur quarry which is among Utah's finest fossil-finding locations. Outdoor recreational opportunities are plentiful around Vernal, including rafting, boating, mountain-biking and hiking. Camping is available at nearby **Steinaker** and **Red Fleet State Parks**. Also nearby is **Dry Fork Canyon**, with distinctive Native American petroglyphs



and rock art. Vernal is a principal gateway to **Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area** and the **Uinta Mountains**. [www.dinoland.com](http://www.dinoland.com)

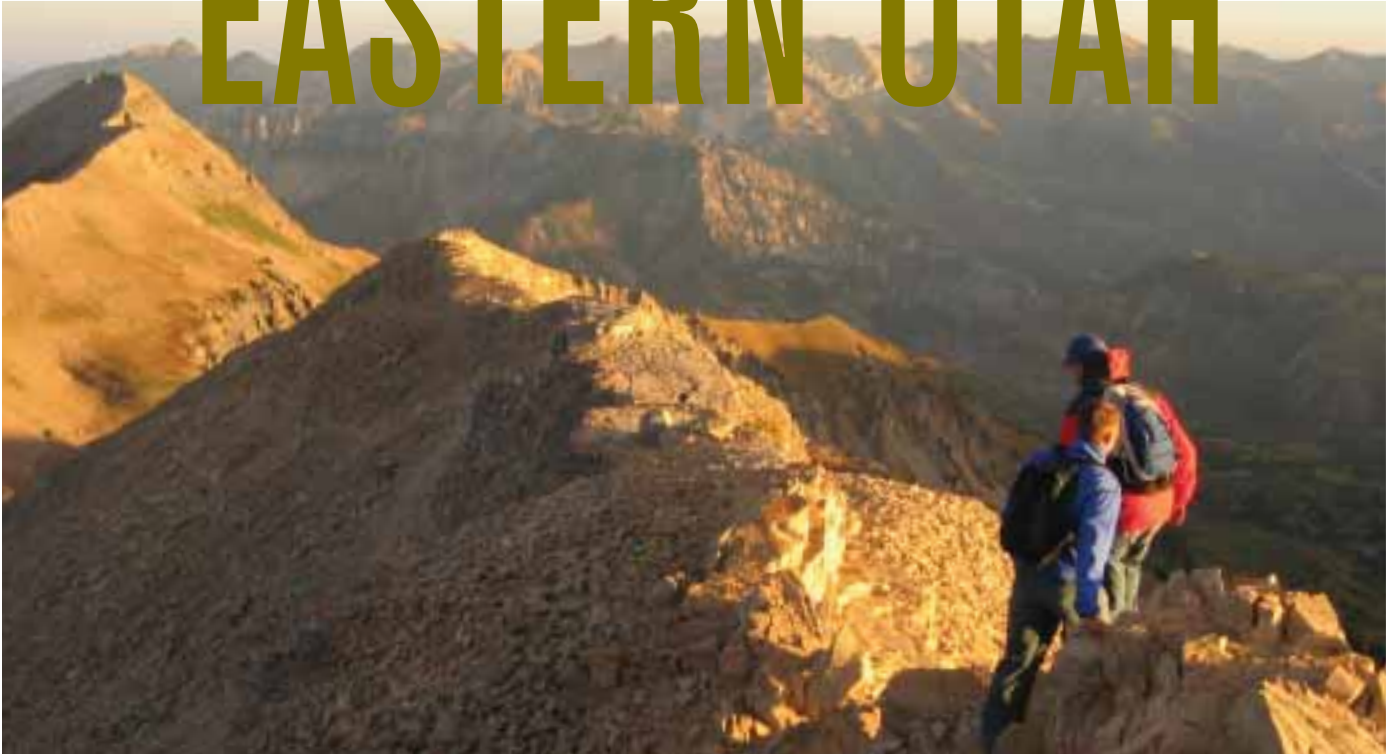
At the **Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum**, seventeen life-size prehistoric animal replicas line the garden paths of the park. Ancient fossil skeletal reproductions, archaeological and geological exhibits, fluorescent minerals and other natural history aspects of the Uinta Mountains and Uinta Basin are also exhibited.

### Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area

Rising 500 feet (150m) above bedrock, Flaming Gorge Dam holds back the waters of the Green River to form the 92-mile (147-km) long Flaming Gorge Reservoir. The reservoir provides opportunities for varied recreational activities such as boat-



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ing, camping and rafting. It is famous for its trophy trout-fishing (up to 40 lb or 18kg), and for the beautiful red rock mountains. Below the lake, the Green River is renowned for trout-fishing and rafting. The town of Manila also serves as a gateway.

## **Flaming Gorge-Uintas Scenic Byway**

The byway meanders over the eastern flank of the Uinta Mountains and through the Ashley National Forest and Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. View wildlife in their native habitats and experience the 'real West' as passed down through Western folklore of early explorers, homesteaders, mountain men, outlaws and cowboys.

## **Dinosaur National Monument**

The largest quarry of Jurassic Period dinosaur bones ever discovered is the source of the 200,000-acre (81,000-hectare) Dinosaur National Monument's name. Over 2,000 dinosaur bones are exposed in the sandstone wall. Many complete skeletons have also been recovered and are exhibited in museums throughout the nation. Visitors can watch palaeontologists at work and visit the preparation laboratory where dinosaur fossils are preserved. Dinosaur National Monument stretches

east into Colorado. In both the Utah and Colorado portions there are mapped hikes through mountains, plateaus and deserts. [www.nps.gov/dino](http://www.nps.gov/dino)

## **Dinosaur Diamond Prehistoric Highway**

Dinosaur Diamond runs through the best land in the world to learn about dinosaurs. Numerous sites are available to the public where bones and tracks are still visible in the ground. Many museums along the way add to the opportunities to see and learn about dinosaurs.

**Nine-Mile Canyon**, to the south of Vernal, is an outdoor museum with remarkable examples of rock art and remnants of dwellings that have remained untouched through the centuries. Because of the dry climate and isolation, the canyon remains much as it was hundreds of years ago.

## **The Energy Loop: Huntington/Eccles Canyons Scenic Byway**

The scenic byway cuts across the Manti-La Sal National Forest, rising up to 11,666 feet (3,500m) above sea level. Explore the rich history of industrial development as you view coal-mining operations, historic mining towns and coal-fired power

stations. Nearby Sanpete Valley contains some of the best-preserved Mormon Pioneer settlements in existence.

Further south, the **Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry** is one of the world's foremost dinosaur fossil sources. At the quarry you can view the work in progress in a covered building, where you can see actual bones in place. The quarry is a designated National Natural Landmark. Its visitor centre contains a complete Allosaur skeletal reconstruction and Stegosaur wall mount. Nearby are the small Castle Valley towns of Cleveland, Huntington and Castle Dale.

Flowing from Utah's north-eastern border down to the centre of the state, the **Green River** offers dramatic scenery and opportunities for recreational activity including rafting and fishing. The river passes through the **Uinta and Ouray Indian Reservation** and the small towns of Ouray and Green River before its confluence with the Colorado River south of Moab.

The snow-fed rivers of the Rocky Mountains have flowed west through south-eastern Utah for millions of years, creating a breathtaking landscape of sheer cliffs and deep canyons, skyscraping stone arches and mesas. The wide-open spaces, national parks and monuments, and the flowing Colorado, San Juan and Green rivers, invite visitors to adventure by bike, on foot, in rafts or over the roads to experience the awe-inspiring beauty of the region. South-east Utah is an outdoor adventurer's dream.

## Arches National Park

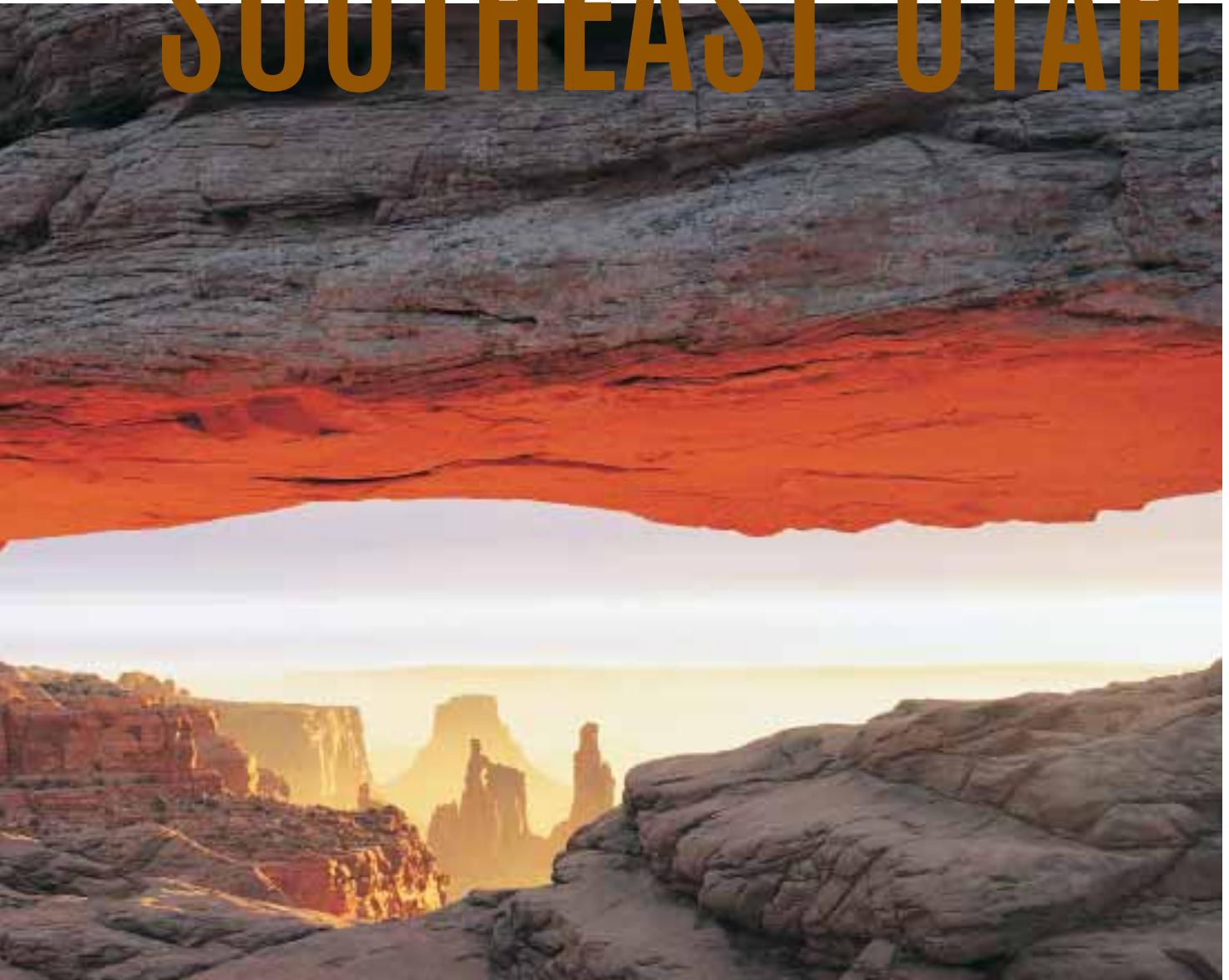
Arches, as the name implies, is a wonderland of more than two thousand natural sandstone arches, including the iconic Delicate Arch. They frame this area's amazing beauty and expose geological history a million years in the making. A 46-mile (29-km) paved loop road introduces visitors to a brilliantly coloured landscape filled with pinnacles, outcrops, faults and fossils. Many trails take hikers on winding paths through eroded canyons, under arches and around windows of stone. Location: 5 miles (8 km) north of Moab on Highway 191.

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# SOUTHEAST UTAH





## Canyonlands National Park

This sprawling National Park is comprised of countless canyons, mesas and buttes separated into three districts – Island in the Sky, the Needles, and the Maze. Each is spectacular. Near Moab, Island in the Sky has many hiking trails and offers raft trips to the confluence of the Green and Colorado Rivers. Grand View Point offers a 360-degree panoramic view of the deep canyons below. Off-road vehicles and bikes are permitted on the 100-mile (161-km) White Rim Trail. **The Needles District** north of Monticello offers a very different beauty with



both Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park. It is an ideal base camp for exploring all of south-eastern Utah. A vibrant and scenic town, Moab is known worldwide for its mountain-biking and myriad other outdoor adventures. The area's 'slickrock', combined with incredible scenic views, make mountain-biking exceptional. In addition, Colorado River rafting, off-road Jeep tours, wineries and art galleries are also found here. Accommodation of all kinds, including luxury western ranch lodges, as well as restaurants and guide services can be found in and around the town.

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remote loop hikes to spectacular red rock gardens. [www.nps.gov/cany](http://www.nps.gov/cany)

**Dead Horse Point State Park** is located on the same mesa as Canyonlands' Island in the Sky, hovering 2,000 feet (600m) directly above the Colorado River. The Park provides a breathtaking panorama of Canyonlands' sculptured pinnacles and buttes.

**Moab**, located on the banks of the Colorado River, lies in a valley between soaring red sandstone cliffs and serves as the gateway to



The town of **Monticello**, located close to the southern entrance to Canyonlands' Needles District, nestles at the foot of the beautiful Abajo Mountains. It has a visitor centre, motels and restaurants. [www.southeastutah.com](http://www.southeastutah.com)

At **Newspaper Rock National Recreation Site**, hundreds of Ancestral Puebloan and Ute Indian petroglyph figures have been chiselled and carved into a large stone at this site. It is located on the road into the Needles District of Canyonlands.



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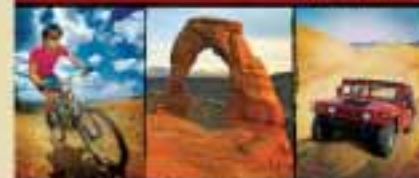
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### **Trail of the Ancients National Scenic Byway**

Explore the long and intriguing occupation of the Four Corners region by Native American peoples. Travel through the archaeological heartland of America while crossing the beautiful and diverse landscapes of the Colorado Plateau. World-renowned Hovenweep National Monument, Monument Valley Tribal Park, Four Corners Monument and Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado are highlights on the trail.

### **Hovenweep National Monument**

Hovenweep National Monument protects six prehistoric Puebloan-era villages, spread over a twenty-mile expanse of mesa tops and canyons along the Utah-Colorado border.



Multi-storied towers perched on canyon rims and balanced on boulders testify to the skill of their builders. Their use is still unknown. Hovenweep is noted for its solitude and undeveloped, natural character. [www.nps.gov/hove](http://www.nps.gov/hove)

canyon, all accessible by short, steep hiking trails, are protected here. It is located 36 miles (58 km) west of Blanding, off Highway 95.

[www.nps.gov/nabr](http://www.nps.gov/nabr)

### **Natural Bridges National Monument**

Unlike arches, bridges are formed when streams cut through canyon walls. In this National Monument, three rock bridges situated in one

**Valley of the Gods** is an area of landscapes that rival those of Monument Valley, but the Valley is more accessible for driving, hiking, camping and biking (controlled by BLM). It is located 12 miles (19 km) south of Bluff.





### Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park

Perhaps the most photographed landscape in America, this valley of monoliths and buttes has been a favorite Hollywood backdrop for 80 years. Still a traditional Navajo homeland, the valley is now accessible by private vehicle and guided tours on limited roads. Excursions on horseback are also available. No backcountry hiking or biking is allowed. Goulding's, the area's first trading post, has a fine museum on early trading days.

[www.utah.com/monumentvalley/](http://www.utah.com/monumentvalley/)

Historic **Goulding's Lodge**, known as a western fort or town setting of many John Wayne movies, is one mile (1.6 km) from the rim of Monument Valley. It offers accommodations, a restaurant, campground, a museum, grocery store, fast food, and aerial tours.

North of the valley are **Mexican Hat**, **Bluff** and **Blanding**. Blanding is the largest, with several motels and restaurants. Their visitor centre offers



area information. The town of Bluff is small and charming, containing historic Mormon homes, lots of sports outfitters, rafting and a few outstanding trading posts, complementing its four motels and several B&Bs. [www.bluffutah.org](http://www.bluffutah.org)

Eighteen miles (29 km) west of Bluff, there is a stunning overlook at **Gooseheads State Park** for viewing the deep, looping S-curves carved by the

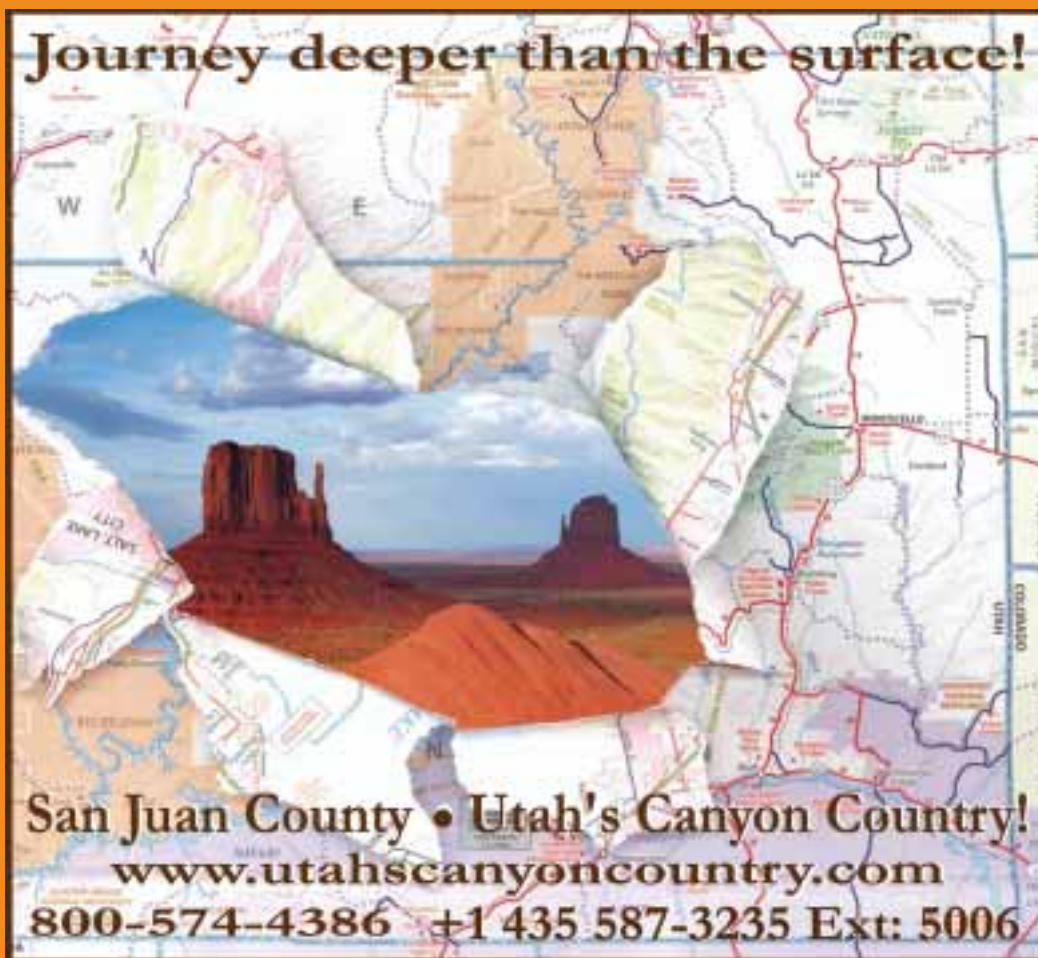
San Juan River. **Mexican Hat** has three motels and restaurants and is located on the San Juan River. [www.southeastutah.org](http://www.southeastutah.org)

### Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

In 1961, the Colorado River was dammed at Page, Arizona, to provide for the power needs of much of the western United States. The rising waters filled the canyons and banks of the Colorado and its tributaries, forming **Lake Powell**. The area, managed as **Glen Canyon National Recreation Area**, is found mostly in Utah and has over 1,750 miles (2,800 km) of shoreline and sheer rock walls. With sandy beaches, amazing red rock scenery and cool blue water to explore, this is one of world's greatest destinations for house-boating. Other activities include power-boating, kayaking, fishing, hiking, and tours to Rainbow Bridge National Monument. Access the area from one of Utah's marinas or from Page, Arizona.

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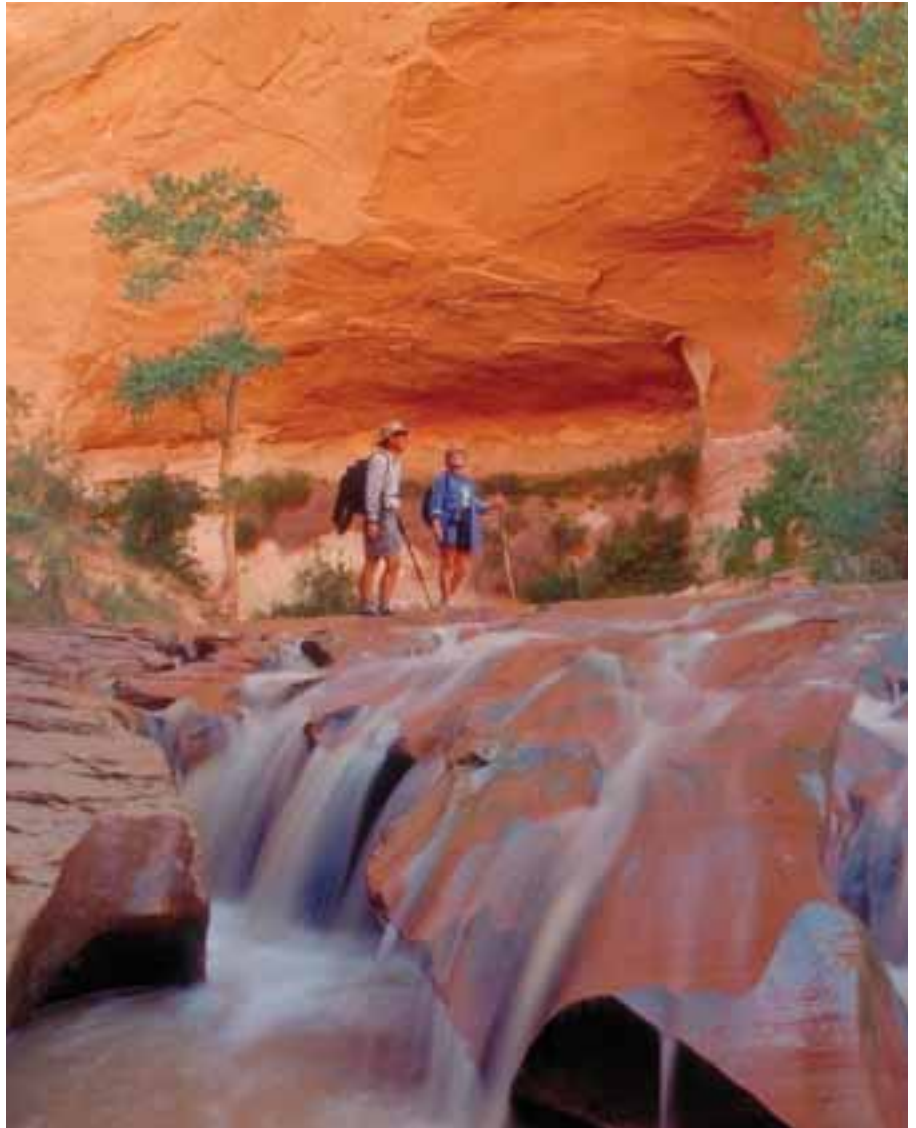




# SOUTHWEST UTAH

In southwestern Utah, a spectacular staircase of geology extends from the bottom of the Grand Canyon to tablelands of plateau. There are three National Parks – Zion, Bryce and Capitol Reef –, several National Monuments, and a variety of attractions displaying the contrasting landscapes of the region.

Whether hiking and camping in the national parks and monuments, biking or off-roading on national forest lands or just stopping to absorb the clean air and unsurpassed beauty, this is one of Utah's finest year-round playgrounds. An exploration of Southwest Utah offers an ever-changing panorama of colour-banded cliffs, lush forests and wild landscapes, dotted with small, welcoming valley communities.







### Zion National Park.

Zion National Park is spectacular. Within its boundaries, towering mountains, sandstone cliffs, narrow slot canyons, soaring arches and waterfalls create settings of unparalleled beauty. Trails for hikers of all abilities allow exploration of the main canyon, with its emerald pools and wooded valley, the upper reaches of sandstone and open desert and nearby Kolob Canyon, where a 15-mile (23.5-km) hike (round trip) leads to the world's largest stone arch. Zion is, without question, a photographer's paradise. Shuttles run into the Park from Springdale from April to November, and private vehicles are allowed in the off-season.

[www.nps.gov/zion](http://www.nps.gov/zion); for park lodging [www.zionlodge.com](http://www.zionlodge.com)

The largest western gateway to Zion is **St. George**, one of Utah's earliest settlements. Because of its temperate year-round climate, it has become a thriving golf, retirement and recreational community. Hotels, restaurants of

many kinds, and all visitor services are found here. Attractions include ten golf courses, historic buildings, nearby red rock canyons and the **St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm**. A notable attraction in the vicinity is the **Tuacahn Amphitheater and Center for the Arts**, where Broadway plays are staged in a remarkable cliff-backed outdoor setting. [www.utahstgeorge.com](http://www.utahstgeorge.com)

Within walking distance of Zion's visitor centre is **Springdale** where shuttles run from town into the Park much of the year. Motels, hotels and B&Bs, excellent restaurants, and an IMAX cinema make this a great base from which to explore the park.

**Cedar City**, near Zion, is a bustling college town best known for its **Utah Shakespearean Festival**. Winner of the 2000 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theater, the Festival delights audiences with Shakespeare and Broadway plays and other performances from mid-June to late October.

[www.scenicsouthernutah.com](http://www.scenicsouthernutah.com)

**Kanab** is located less than 40 miles (64 km) from Zion's eastern entrance and to the north of the Grand Canyon. It offers a wide variety of activities including jeep tours, horse-riding, mountain-biking and the world's largest animal sanctuary. There is also a Western town re-created for Hollywood movies, many of which have been filmed there. Nearby is **Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park**, a wide plain of reddish-pink dunes dotted with wild flowers. [www.utahsdixie.com](http://www.utahsdixie.com)

### Cedar Breaks National Monument

Like Bryce Canyon, but on a smaller scale, this amphitheatre extends for over 3 miles (5 km) and drops over 2,000 feet (600 metres) off the plateau towards the town of Cedar City. In summer, the high rim of the canyon is dazzling with lush forests and brilliant wild flowers. Hiking is allowed only along the rim and the trail is closed in winter.

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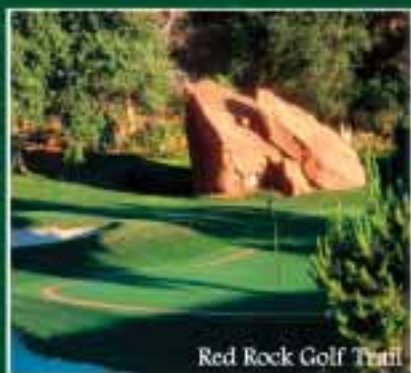
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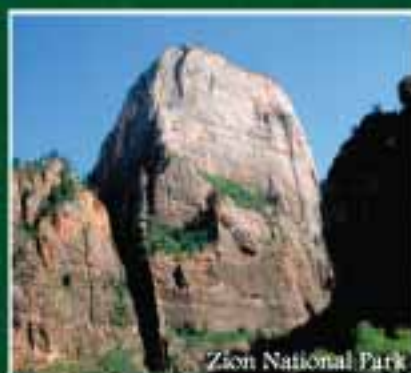
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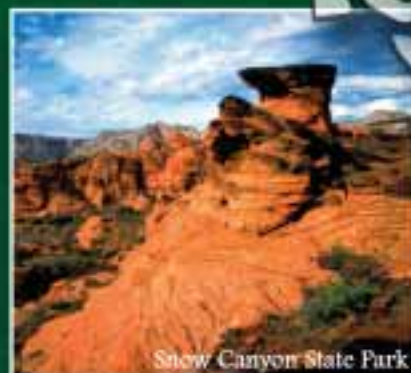
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**Brian Head**, located near Cedar Breaks, offers some of the finest views in western Utah. In summer, serious bikers can descend 3,330 feet (1,000m) from its heights. Shuttles are available from both Cedar City and Panguitch.

### Bryce Canyon National Park

Bryce's original inhabitants, the Paiute Native Americans, believed that the rock figures here were people turned to stone by angry gods. Delicately coloured spires, fins and mazes haunt the imagination and beckon the visitor to explore them more closely. Hiking and horse-riding trails wind through the Park, both along the rim and down amongst the towering rock formations called 'hoodoos'. A shuttle system (from late May to mid-September) connects all major natural amphitheatres along the eastern rim; private vehicles are allowed off-season. There are evening rodeos, aerial tours, mountain-biking, cross-country skiing trails on the outskirts of the Park. 435-834-5322, [www.nps.gov/brea](http://www.nps.gov/brea); for Park lodging, [www.brycecanyoncountry.com](http://www.brycecanyoncountry.com).

**Red Canyon** provides a beautifully scenic access corridor to Bryce. It has a new visitor centre that features the Dixie National Forest and offers an excellent hiking and biking trail that loops from the top to the bottom of the canyon. The trail parallels Scenic Byway 12.



The small towns of **Tropic** and **Panguitch** are close to Bryce National Park and offer motels, informal restaurants and campgrounds. [www.brycecanyoncountry.com](http://www.brycecanyoncountry.com)

### National Scenic Byway 12

Scenic Byway 12, a Federally-designated All-American Road, takes you to the heart of the this special region. A 124-mile (200-km) route negotiates an isolated landscape of canyons, plateaus and valleys ranging from 4,000 to 9,000 feet (1,200 to 2,700m) above sea level. You'll encounter archaeological, cultural, historical, natural, recreational and scenic qualities while driving this exhilarating byway.

At **Kodachrome Basin State Park**, red rock chimneys jut upwards from the valley floor. These may originally have been springs which eventually filled in. As the softer surrounding sandstone eroded, the chimneys remained.

The **Dixie National Forest** covers almost 2 million acres (810,000 hectares) in this area. It encompasses three plateaus, reaching elevations of 10,166 feet (3,050m). Tall forests and open meadows, brilliant red rocks, lakes and rivers dot the forest. Hiking, biking, off-road riding, fishing, horse-riding, and skiing abound.





### Capitol Reef National Park

The Waterpocket Fold, an enormous wrinkle in the earth's crust, forms the 100-mile (160-km) long backbone of this Park. Early explorers described it as an 'impassable reef' of rock, coining the park's name. The Park's Visitor Centre is located in an oasis enjoyed for millennia – pre-Columbian rock art and early settlers' orchards grace the area. Scenic driving, hiking, backpacking, mountain-biking and horse-riding are allowed in the Park.

[www.nps.gov/care](http://www.nps.gov/care)

The quaint and peaceful town of **Torrey** serves as the gateway to Capitol Reef, located just 8 miles (13 km) away. It has several hotels and inns, galleries, shops and some excellent dining.

[www.capitolreef.travel](http://www.capitolreef.travel)

### Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Encompassing 1.7 million acres (769,000 hectares), the Monument represents a unique combination of archaeological, geological, palaeontological and biological resources. These strikingly beautiful and scientifically important lands are divided into three distinct regions: the Grand



Staircase, the Kaiparowits Plateau, and the Canyons of the Escalante. This is a 'multi-use area', allowing hiking, mountain-biking, horse-riding, and backpacking/camping. The permits required for overnight stays are available at offices in Cannonville, Escalante, Boulder, Big Water and Kanab. [www.ut.blm.gov/monument](http://www.ut.blm.gov/monument)

The towns of **Escalante** and **Boulder** border the sprawling Grand Staircase / Escalante National Monument and Dixie National Forest. They offer excellent access to both. They each have motels, fine B&Bs and several restaurants.

Near Boulder, one of the largest Ancestral Puebloan communities west of the Colorado River is found at **Anasazi State Park Museum**. The site is believed to have been occupied from A.D. 1050 to 1200. While the village remains largely unexcavated, many artefacts have been uncovered and are on display in the newly revamped museum.

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### Beaver Mountain Ski Resort

Beaver Mountain is Utah's northernmost Ski Resort. Its excellent runs, friendly atmosphere and low prices make it a popular destination for locals and visitors alike. Family-owned and operated since 1939, it is the oldest continuously-owned family ski area in the US. In addition to alpine skiing and snowboarding, the resort also has excellent Nordic ski and snowmobile trails nearby. [www.skithebeav.com](http://www.skithebeav.com)

### Brian Head

Brian Head Resort is a full-service resort located in southern Utah, only three hours from Las Vegas. It is Utah's highest-elevation resort, receiving over 400 inches (10m) annually of light, powdery snow. The resort has 50+ ski runs for all ability levels, including an entire mountain dedicated to beginners and children. [www.brianhead.com](http://www.brianhead.com)

### Brighton Ski Resort

Brighton is one of the most diverse and modern ski areas in Utah. Long a summer getaway, skiers began hiking the area in the 1920's. Since then the resort has developed into a major skiing destination with seven lifts (including 4 quads), terrain parks and great access to the backcountry. [www.brightonresort.com](http://www.brightonresort.com)

### The Canyons Resort

Located in the legendary ski town of Park City, The Canyons Resort is one of North America's largest ski and snowboard resorts. It provides visitors with an endless number of options. With three world-class lodges, eight mountains, 3,750 acres (1,500 hectares) of diverse terrain, 155 trails, 17 lifts, and incredible snow, The Canyons is a huge winter playland. [www.thecanyons.com](http://www.thecanyons.com)

### Deer Valley Resort

Deer Valley Resort, also located in Park City, was the first North American resort to provide the first-class service one would find at a five-star hotel. It





offers luxurious amenities such as ski valets, groomed-to-perfection slopes, on-site childcare and gourmet dining in three elegant day-lodges. The readers of SKI Magazine rated this resort one of the top three ski resorts in North America for the past 10 years in a row. [www.deervalley.com](http://www.deervalley.com)

### Park City Mountain Resort

A major host of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, Park City Mountain Resort is truly a world-class destination. Located 35 minutes from Salt Lake City International Airport, skiers can hit the slopes the day they arrive in Utah. At over 3,250 acres (1,300 hectares), the resort encompasses nine bowls and 100 trails that offer wide-open, carefully maintained runs, steep slopes with deep powdery snow, tree skiing, top-rated terrain parks and everything in between. The resort village and historic Western town of Park City have a wide range

of accommodation, dining and entertainment options. [www.parkcitymountain.com](http://www.parkcitymountain.com)

### Powder Mountain

Ogden's Powder Mountain is known for its massive size, deep powdery snow and uncrowded slopes. It always ranks highly for the quality of its all-natural snow in readers' surveys of North American resorts. Resort amenities include slope-side rental apartments, speciality restaurants and shops.

[www.powdermountain.com](http://www.powdermountain.com)

### Snowbasin

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[www.snowbasin.com](http://www.snowbasin.com)

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### Solitude Mountain Resort

Once a locals-only day ski area, Solitude has recently become a family-friendly European-style resort. The pedestrian-only village and mountain offer spectacular scenery, cosy resort accommodation and an abundance of activities. The resort has over 1,212 acres (485 hectares) of wide-open bowls, tree runs, steep chutes and perfectly groomed gentle cruising

slopes for skiers and snowboarders of all ages and skill levels. [www.skisolitude.com](http://www.skisolitude.com)

### Sundance Resort

Founded by Robert Redford in 1969, Sundance Resort offers great runs, gorgeous scenery and few crowds. Intimate and rustic by design, Sundance differs from other resorts in more than size. Sundance's 6,000-acre (2,225 hectares) community preserve, with guest accommodation, is devoted to maintaining the balance of recreation, arts and the environment. Sundance Resort is located in a wilderness area at the

base of Utah's picturesque Mt. Timpanogos. [www.sundanceresort.com](http://www.sundanceresort.com)

### Wolf Mountain Ski Area

Wolf Mountain is a family-oriented resort, considered by many to be the best learn-to-ski & ride mountain in the Rockies. Its lifts and runs have been specifically designed to access the best beginner and intermediate slopes in Utah. The resort is open for skiing and snowboarding from late November to early April and offers the most affordable rates in the Rockies.

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